

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 have been retained in the application, all of them in at least somewhat amended form. As now written, the claims are believed to be definite and to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner whether the references are used individually or in combination.

None of the references discloses the following:

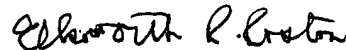
1. A tee movable upwardly and downwardly between operative and rest positions and a pair of ganged switches one closed at the rest position and open at the operative position and the other closed at the operative position and open at the rest position. See illustratively claims 1, 9, 14 and 22.
2. Circuitry associated with the ganged switches for moving the tee between the rest and operative positions in accordance with the opening and the closing of the ganged switches. See illustratively claims 4, 5 and 22.
3. A ramp for holding an element (e.g., ball) and for moving the element from the ramp to the tee and a detent disposed on the ramp and having two (2) positions, one preventing a movement of the element from the ramp to the tee and the other providing for a movement of the element from the ramp to the tee. See illustratively claims 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 22.
4. A microprocessor associated with the ramp and the detent to provide for the movement of the element to the tee when the tee is moving upwardly from the rest position to the operative position. See illustratively claims 3, 6, 7, 11 and 22.
5. All of the claims have been amended to recite at least one (and generally more than one) of the features discussed above. Since none of the references discloses the features described above, the claims as now written are allowable over the references whether the

references are applied, individually or in combination, against the claims. Furthermore, a number of the claims are allowable over the cited references because they are dependent from the claims specified above.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees in this matter to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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